

**JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING  
MAY 11, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting opened with Bob Willhite leading the pledge to the flag.

First on the agenda was Patty Jackson with SIPRC to talk with the Commissioners again about the Owner-Occupied Rehab Program. Ms. Jackson informed the Commissioners that she had met with the North Vernon Mayor briefly and had tried to find the 10% leverage funds. Ms. Jackson stated that at one time they had a long waiting list but acknowledged that some may no longer be interested but she is confident that there will be ample applications. She went on to say that there have been changes in the stipulations such as there is no longer a 10% match needed and no lien requirement. The applicant cannot reapply for 3 years and the property must be deeded into the applicant's name. Ms. Jackson said they target elderly people in the home and families with children under the age of 6. SIPRC is looking at applying for \$350,000 and looking at assisting twelve to fourteen families.

Bob Willhite made a motion to continue with the application process for the Owner-Occupied Rehab Program; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next on the agenda with Nathan Smith, President of Eagle Point Technology, Inc. who addressed the Commissioners about a new contract beginning June 1, 2017 for one year. Mr. Smith stated that he was presenting a new contract thus eliminating the prior contract that had been presented to the Commissioners by the County Auditor on his behalf at last meeting. The prior contract had been submitted for review and approval with a cost of \$110,000 which showed an increase of \$10,000. In looking over his figures for the prior year and realized that there was an average of 27 hours over the normal 40 hour week being worked but not compensated. The 2016 contract was for \$100,000 but in actuality there was another \$105,300 in services provided at no cost to the county. Mr. Smith stated that in 2015 an average of 85 hours a week was spent in learning the system and getting rid of systems that had not been used for a long time and updated equipment. So now that they have become acquainted with the County's system, Mr. Smith believes that the contract should reflect the amount of hours used. The 2017 contract will be for a 40 hour week total for two people and anything over those 40 hours will be at a \$75 an hour rate. After much discussion, Matt Sporleder stated that before Eagle Point is called that the hours need to be checked and if the 40 hours are exhausted, then the head of department will need to call Mr. Sporleder for permission to go over the allotted time. Mr. Smith asked about a Tier 1 situation such as the Jail Pod Cameras, critical 911 systems, etc. and Mr. Sporleder stated that they were to respond to those calls no matter what. Mr. Smith suggested that Jeremiah, the county's IT tech would come to the sites on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to complete any requested

problem and they would be attended to on those days; again provided hours are available for him on those days. Mr. Smith also suggested buying a block of hours such as 100 hours for \$7,500.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the contract as presented for \$100,000 for 40 hours a week with anything over those hours must be approved by Matt Sporleder. Dave Lane seconded the motion; Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Missy Hensley came before the Commissioners on behalf of the people on Centerville Road or 2050 West. Mrs. Hensley stated that her driveway was washed out this last storm that went through and there is flooding happening so bad she cannot get to work without help from neighbors. Mrs. Hensley stated that there needs to be two culverts put in and ditches dug out. Dave Lane stated the problem lies with her neighbor across the road that refuses to pay to replace his culvert and it is creating this problem. Matt Sporleder stated he had a used culvert that maybe could be used to help in this situation.

Dave Lane made a motion to get this fixed; Bob Willhite seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bill Bloemer was in attendance and wanted to bring to the Commissioners attention a problem he has seen at the crossroads out by his property where the County has patched the road but when it gets hot vehicles pull the patching right out. Matt Sporleder stated he would look into that because that would be an operator error. Mr. Bloemer also wanted to ask about two roads that had been taken off the county's road list; 550 North which is east of 250 E. Matt Sporleder stated he would get with Jim Reeves who is working on getting some roads in the county put back on. Mr. Sporleder asked the Auditor if she had contacted the highway on these and was told that yes she had and was told that they knew nothing about this road request. Mr. Sporleder told Mr. Bloemer that he would get with Mr. Reeves.

Next was Wilma Morris who is the part time custodian for the courthouse. Ms. Morris wanted to come and ask permission to have her sister Jean Feltner be hired as another part time custodian to work when Ms. Morris needed off. Ms. Morris stated that she wants time to work on projects at home but also to be able to go to Arizona to visit her daughter and family. Mrs. Feltner could also help cover when the Annex Custodian, Bonnie Robinson, needed time off. Auditor Vance stated that Ms. Morris does an excellent job at the courthouse and she has received phone calls from Judge Webster and the Security Officer to that fact and would not want to lose her.

Bob Willhite made a motion to hire Jean Feltner as additional part time help as custodian for the courthouse and annex. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

The Auditor presented a letter from the Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence requesting permission to use the courthouse lawn for their annual Strawberry Festival Fundraiser. The date is June 8, 2017 and the festival will run from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. but they will be on site all day getting



things set up and cleaned up. JCCDV appreciates the continued support as we work to support the victims of domestic violence in Jennings County.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow JCCDV to use the courthouse lawn June 8<sup>th</sup>. Dave Lane seconded the motion with Matt Sporleder making it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to accept all requested proposals for engineering on Bridge 76 over Graham Creek and Rehab of O & M and Brownstown Rd. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next the Commissioners opened the quotes for the loan on two new highway trucks.

German American

3 year loan 2.76% \$250 fee

4 year loan 2.87% \$250 fee

MainSource Bank

3 year loan 2.27% \$350 fee

4 year loan 2.47% \$350 fee

Old National Bank

3 year loan 2.33% \$500 fee

4 year loan 2.43% \$500 fee

Bob Willhite made a motion to go with Old National Bank's bid of 2.43% rate for 4 years with the \$500 fee. Dave Lane seconded the motion; Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Ellie Bright presented a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Jennings County, Indiana Regarding the Reimbursement of Certain Preliminary Expenditures from the Proceeds of Bonds. This resolution simply states that the County expects to incur expenses and costs in connection with the acquisition,

construction and equipping certain jail and related improvements located within the County and any such costs will be reimbursed from the bonds issued on behalf of the County.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign said Resolution; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.


Bob Willhite made a motion to sign claims; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.


Matt Sporleder informed the Auditor to advertise for an executive session to be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 25<sup>th</sup> prior to the regular Commissioner meeting for personnel issues.

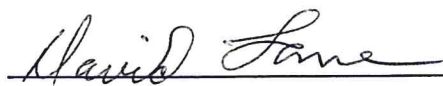
Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Attest:

  
Kay Sue Vance, Auditor

  
Matt Sporleder, President

  
Robert Willhite

  
David Lane